

CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. to 13. (Cancelled).

14. (Currently Amended) A method for treating a subject having an ischemic event comprising administering to said subject a therapeutically effective amount of EPO, wherein a first dose of EPO is delivered within about 8 to about 26 hours after the ischemic event followed by a second dose of EPO delivered within about 8 to about 26 hours after the first dose and a third dose of EPO delivered within about 8 to about 24 hours after the second dose, said each dose of EPO being about 2500 IU/kg to about 10000 IU/kg.

15. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 14, wherein the first dose of EPO is delivered at about 24 hours after the ischemic event.

16. (Original) The method of claim 15, wherein the second dose is delivered at about 24 hours after the first dose.

17. (Cancelled).

18. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~16~~ 14, wherein the third dose of EPO is delivered ~~within about 8 to 24~~ at about 60 hours after the ~~second dose~~ ischemic event.

19. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 14, wherein each dose of EPO is administered by ~~comprises~~ a subcutaneous, intramuscular, intravenous, or intra-peritoneal injection of EPO.

20. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 14, wherein each EPO dosage delivered is ~~selected from about 500~~ 5000 IU/kg to about 10000 IU/kg.

21. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 20, wherein each EPO dosage delivered is selected from about ~~2500 IU/kg~~ to about 5000 10000 IU/kg.

22. (Cancelled).

23. (Original) The method of claim 14, wherein the ischemic event is a stroke.

24. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 23, wherein at least one EPO dosage delivered is about ~~2500 IU/kg~~ 5000 IU/kg to about 10000 IU/kg.

25. to 58. (Cancelled).

59. (New) The method of claim 14, wherein said EPO is a long-acting EPO.

60. (New) The method of claim 23, wherein said EPO is a long-acting EPO.